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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response expiring January 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A prepared nutriment comprising:

a nutriment material; and

an acidic sparingly-soluble Group IIA complex ("AGIIS"), wherein the AGIIS is isolated from a mixture comprising sulfuric acid and calcium hydroxide, or a calcium salt, or